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Exam wreaks havoc

By LORI NEJAME
Managing Editor

Some students who are currently enrolled at LSUS and plan on graduating from LSUS now must take a General Education Proficiency Examination.

"completed or earned credit in English 105 and 115 and Math 121 or higher with grades of C or better; have already earned at least 45 semester hours of credit; are enrolled for the first time, have re-entered or transferred to LSUS; or have changed curricula since the summer of '87" recently received a postcard from LSUS telling them of the required testing.

However, the postcard did not list specifics dealing with the exam and the reason it is a requirement and some of the students are disgruntled about this.



Dr. Gale Bridger

According to Dr. Gale Bridger, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, the exam "evolved out of a (larger program) to assure our (LSUS') students and our public that we're doing what we've always claimed — providing quality education."

The exam, referred to as

"Academic Profile II," is an objective test of general education which measures academic skills, according to a newsletter distributed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), which helped develop the test.

Bridger said the general education assessment satisfies both math and English proficiency requirements.

Bridger said she's aware of the fact that students who have transferred to LSUS may have already been tested for proficiency in math and English at another university. But, she said, the exam will make it possible to put these transfer students "on the same standard as everyone else at LSUS." This, Bridger said, "will assure us that when we award a

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Decree: Journalism must be accredited

"It would be asinine not to have a strong mass communications department in the Ark-La-Tex."

Dr. Dalton Cloud, 1989

MATT FRAZIER
Staff Writer

Because of a Board of Regents' mandate, LSUS may have to spend \$35,000 to split its communications department into three separate departments and spend a lot of time and effort on bureaucratic red tape, said Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of communications.

The mandate, issued Feb. 23, stated that all Louisiana journalism programs be accredited by June 1, 1994, or be terminated. Cloud does not agree with the board's actions and said such a mandate is questionable.

A review team of outside con-

sultants selected by the Board of Regents examined the LSUS program two years ago and gave a favorable review. They recommended only three areas for improvement: reduce credit hours for internships, add an advanced reporting course and include press and society in the programs instruction.

"These were good suggestions and we have implemented them," said Cloud.

Because of these changes, journalism majors beginning school in the 1990 fall semester will have to complete one less credit hour than the 129 hours previously required, according to the new academic schedule.

"There are 90 accredited journalism programs in America. Yet the Regent's staff, whose ex-

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*Dr. Gloria Raines, SGA advisor, yesterday, claimed that Royal Alexander is not eligible to run for SGA president because he does not meet one of the SGA by-law's requirements. However, Alexander is appealing Raines' decision, and as of now, is still in the race.

CORRECTION

Last week we mistakenly printed that Dr. Charles Wilson denied allegations concerning money LSUS had available for tuition exemptions. Actually, Wilson said that LSUS was "already out of" money for the tuition exemptions.

Alexander, Smith: late but ready

By KEVAN SMITH
Staff Writer

Royal Alexander, political science senior, at first didn't want to run for SGA president. He would have settled for senator, he said.

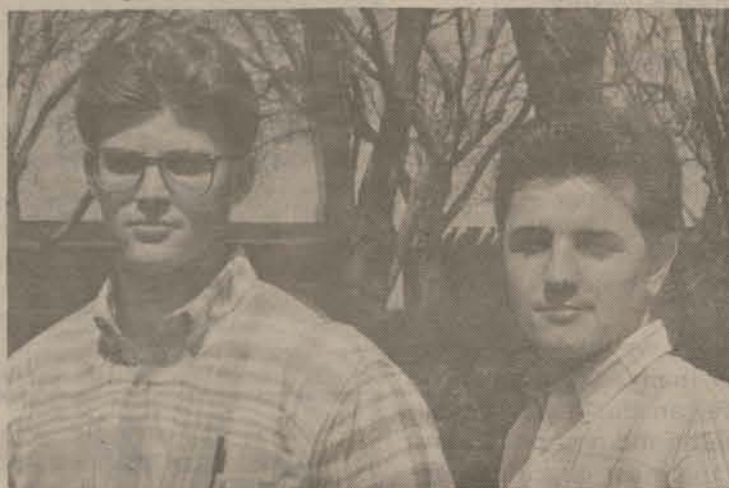
But talks with various students convinced him and vice presidential candidate Craig Smith, finance senior, that they could do a better job in the executive branch.

Alexander and Smith say they have talked to hundreds of students, each with ideas of what is wrong with the SGA.

"Students don't feel they're being represented," Alexander said. "If there had been a positive attitude in this race, I wouldn't be running."

He added, "We've spoken to a cross-section of students. When they don't throw their hands up at the mention of the SGA, then all they have to say are negative things."

Said Smith, "The students of LSUS know exactly what they want. The reasons students at LSUS are complacent and apathetic is part of what the SGA has done."



Royal Alexander and Craig Smith.

photo by Kevan Smith

"We consider LSUS to be underrated," said Alexander. "We consider LSUS to be the flagship university. It should be — it's more demanding academically than many students expect."

He continued, "At the very least, we want to bring credibility and respect back to the SGA at LSUS."

Alexander is state co-chairman of the Louisiana State College Republicans. Though neither Alexander nor Smith have LSUS SGA experience, they

consider that a positive point of their campaign.

"Since we haven't been so involved in student government," said Alexander, "we haven't acquired a great deal of enemies which would hinder our effectiveness."

Smith said, "We are part of no clique and we are no clique."

Both Alexander and Smith are aware of problems on campus and "The issues," said Alexander, "are roughly the same as they've been for many semesters out here. This is due to a lack of

focus by previous SGA administrations."

These issues, he and Smith said, include longer library hours for night students, eliminating fees for drops and adds and getting transcripts, better parking, greater campus security at night and increasing student involvement in campus organizations.

"These are things which can be easily remedied," said Smith.

Budgeting is also one of their planks. Alexander said he sees a need for both more spending and better economizing to solve some of LSUS' problems.

"I'm not convinced," said Alexander, "that the funds that are available, though they have been cut, are being used in the most prudent manner."

Alexander also said that campus racism could be alleviated by spending for events to bring people together.

Alexander and Smith said they have talked to minority groups about racism. The problem, Smith said, is not necessarily between students, but might be between faculty and

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By LORI NEJAME
Managing Editor

Let's do our part in maintaining and attempting to strengthen our university — our university made up of so many well-educated, intelligent individuals who can make a difference.



His eyes bulged; his lips quivered; his little body shook.

During the next two

I was all alone on the hill. Never again, I promised myself and just as I was getting up to head for home, I noticed a shimmer on one of the clovers. It was a gold coin. . . a shiny, beautiful gold coin. . .

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features

Belgians invade LSUS teaching while studying

BY MIKE BOWLIN
Staff Writer

Moving from Belgium to Louisiana created a huge culture shock for Pierre Schmitz and Alain Schoeder.

The two Belgians arrived at LSUS last fall and are teaching French while attending class on campus. Since then, they have helped each other adapt to life in the U.S.

Schoeder, who became an American citizen in January, has a degree in Modern Languages from E.N. Charles Buis, a college owned by the city of Brussels. He is seeking a second degree in computer science at LSUS, he said.

After leaving Brussels, Schoeder spent one year teaching French in Louisiana, then served two years in the Belgian Army before returning to the U.S.

From 1982 to 1988, Schoeder taught French at Shreveport elementary and middle schools as part of CODOFIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana).

This semester, Schoeder teaches two French 102 classes and takes 12 hours of computer courses.

Schoeder prefers the U.S. over Belgium for a number of reasons, such as the weather.

"It rains a lot in Belgium,"



Alain Schoeder and Pierre Schmitz

photo by Matt Frazier

said Schoeder, "I hate that."

Politically, Belgium is unstable, with the government changing "about every two years," he said. Belgium has so many political parties that "they have to form coalitions to stay alive," Schoeder added.

In comparison, "Politics is much quieter in the U.S., even in Louisiana," Schoeder said.

Schmitz, a Belgian citizen, has a bachelor's degree in translation from the University of Mons. He teaches French 101 and a swimming class while taking 15 hours this semester.

This summer, Schmitz must return to Belgium to renew his student visa. He will then decide whether to stay in Europe or return to the U.S. to get his master's degree.

For Schmitz, the main difference between Belgium and the U.S. is academics.

"It's impossible to work and go to school at the same time," he

said.

Another difference between education in the states and in Europe is "Grades are not very important in Europe," said Schmitz. "Being able to apply the skills you learn in college is important."

"I feel sorry for students who worry about their grades," said Schmitz. "But I understand that the whole system is based on grades."

Most Belgian colleges have year-long courses, instead of two semesters. There is one test at the end of the year, "counting for one-hundred percent of your grade."

Despite these differences, Schoeder and Schmitz have no problem adapting to life in the United States, they said.

Soccer Club:

Waiting for Coach Adloo

By Melissa Welbourne
Contributing Writer

Frustration is being hungry for steak and lobster when all you have in the freezer is a Swanson TV dinner and all you have in your pocket is a handful of change.

You can't do anything about the price of cows or crustaceans so you eat your blast-frozen, picture-perfect, three-basic-food groups meal. You are no longer starving but you are still hungry.

Steak and lobster looms on the horizon. You resign yourself to the wait.

The LSUS Soccer Club knows about frustration. For the past several months the club has had to take the TV dinner approach to its sport — sustenance without satisfaction — while waiting for the funds to pay for the best, coach Abdi Adloo.

David Stewart, president of the Soccer Club, is a little on edge from waiting and wanting.

"It's really frustrating," said Stewart. "We are at a standstill because of the red tape of the school. We want a coach. We have people out there who could play soccer if we had a coach and we have a



tentative coach who wants to coach us and we are not doing anything for him. It just racks my brain."

Frustration is waging war with the players. The turnout for practice is down to five or six players who show up to work on conditioning and skill exercises.

James Erbie, senior computer science major, learned to play soccer where soccer really counts — England and Holland. He is ready to get on with the game.

"A lot of the students are coming and they are getting discouraged," said Erbie. "Without a coach, people are really reluctant to show up. Once we get Abdi, more and more students will get involved with it. A coach will be like self-advertising: The team has a coach. Come on out."

Dr. Norman Dolch, faculty advisor to the club and sociology professor, is the voice of reason and patience. However, he does not know why the process of getting funding for Adloo is taking so long.

"I'm a little mystified about some of the paperwork issues," said Dolch. "It seems like it has taken more time than it should have. Right now there is really no incentive for players to show up."

While waiting for the funding, Dolch has focused on getting the club on solid footing. That means getting organized by the book to insure the success and longevity of the club, he said.

"We will do it right, within the university, so other club programs community-based or

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Turning The Corner

Hideous Spring

By TOM EYTON-JONES
Columnist

March 20 is, technically, the first day of spring. It is also the first day of Spring Break. Coincidence? Maybe, but who cares? Spring has already started causing me problems and it isn't even here yet (officially)! Why is it picking on me?

Saturday, March 11: I had to make a trip to Henderson, Texas, to judge a speech contest. The Chief Judge was going to ride with me so I cleaned my car out the night before. In addition to the usual amount of gum wrappers and soda cans under the seats, I came across two very confused neighborhood cats who had been living on the contents of that usual refuge. After they became accustomed to sunlight, I released them to the custody of the Great Dane next door who assured me the cats would never get in my car again. I love helpful neighbors.

Unfortunately, the sun went down before I could wash the outside of the car. On the morning of my trip to Taxes...oops, make that "Texas" (that's not the first time I've had my "a" in the wrong place!). I emerged from my domicile into the brilliant sunlight and the overcast stares of my neighbors. Up and down the street, driveways were filled with spit-shined automobiles or those "undergoing the treatment." Right in the middle of this suburban glitz was my filthy Honda.

"Don't worry," I shouted, "It will be gone most of the day." Satisfied, most of them went back to waxing their sidewalks.

When I returned in the afternoon, I immediately worked on my car after the beautiful

blonde who had been taking care of my son left (next time, he is going to Texas and I'm staying home!). As the afternoon was rapidly drawing to a close, I had to work fast. It was a bit cumbersome working in a sportscoat and tie but I got the job done. However, I now have the makings of another flower bed in my driveway.

Sunday, March 12: Following a night of dreaming about a 4.0 GPA, I jaunted out in the morning sunlight to retrieve my newspaper. The Neighborhood Inquisition was glaring at me again! It couldn't be my car: It shined like a new Cuisinart. What was their problem? Then I noticed they weren't looking at me but at my house!

My clean car made my house look like an urban renewal prospect. The flower beds were ripe with weeds; my rose bushes looked anorexic and the beige trim was candy-bar brown.

One of my "concerned" neighbors was poking at my rusty mailbox: "A little spray enamel and paste wax should fix this baby up," he chirped.

"A little mace would fix you up, too," I muttered to myself.

Before they started reading me "the rites of spring," I rushed back into my filthy house. I did, however, make one concession: I opened my garage for the first time in four months and released the various forms of animal and insect life that had wintered there. I also removed their sign: "Winter Quarters...The Benton Garage Band." That explains that screeching noise late at night.

Yes, Spring Break is coming but don't bother to call me during that time: I'll be on my roof polishing my shingles!

spring preview

Fling to follow break

By FADRA TEDESCO
Staff Writer

Beach Bash '89 — "I'm really looking forward to it, because campus life needs spicing up, to say the least," said marketing junior, Robert Durham. "Loud music, beer, what more can you ask for?"

Some sand, a few contests, tempting food and a little dancing will serve to fill the rest of the Spring Fling agenda. But, it takes long hours of hard work to produce such a festival — the hard work of LSUS' Student Activities Board (SAB).

SAB works to create the games, organize the contests and find the bands which enhance the spring celebration. They not only

have to consider every detail that goes into the Bash, they have to decide the investment required to procure the best for LSUS' students.

SAB Chairperson Mary Friend, said that SAB members "have been working hard and it (Spring Fling) is going to be exciting." She also advises students to "get involved."

Also the fling is funded with student money. And, students play another major role in the success of Spring Fling — attendance.

Trey Clark, a former Louisiana Tech student, has never attended LSUS' Spring Fling. He said that in spring at Tech, "They had a crawfish fest and it was a big deal, like a carnival and at-

tendance was great."

Clark admitted there are major differences between Tech and LSUS such as enrollment, the average age of students and on-campus housing. Nevertheless, he believes LSUS' festival is a good idea, because it gives students a chance to meet each other and will help in creating community spirit on campus, he said.

SAB's members such as Julian Brookshire are, "really anticipating Spring Fling this year," she said, especially since

the students will have two bands — EXIT and INNOVATION, a Friday night dance and many other spirited activities to look forward to.



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Math lab provides tutorial service

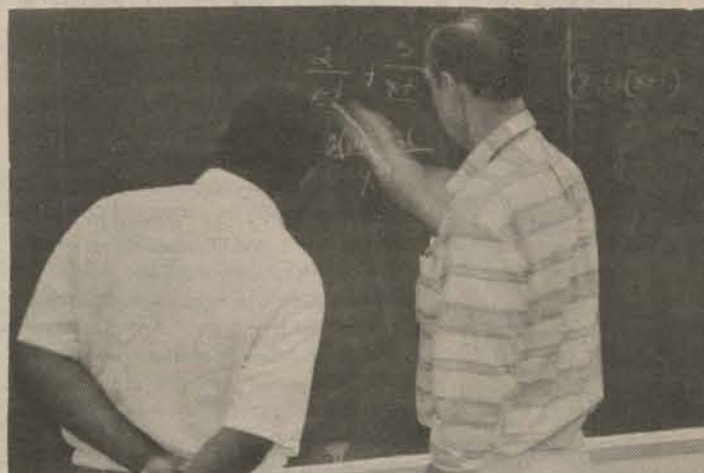
(This is the first of a three-part series on the use of the tutoring labs on campus).

By KRISTI SHUPP
Staff Writer

Only a few desks, a partition and a few small bookshelves litter the bare, brightly colored room. The bookshelves contain math books and computer science texts—a humanities student's nightmare. But, because of the purpose of this room, the books will not be haunting students.

This room is known as the Math Lab, located in BH404. It was an early Thursday morning but already several puzzled students were crowded around the tutor's desk as he patiently explained a lesson in real numbers to one of them. When he was finished, Matt Willis, senior education major talked of how he became a math tutor and described some aspects of his job.

Willis was a tutor for the computer science lab but as he progressed in the math curriculum, he submitted a list of completed math courses to the math department. Dr. Stuart Mills, chairman of the math department, said that



'Doing Algebra... No time to pose!'

photo by Woodrow Evans

a prospective lab worker's course listings, GPA, and curriculum are used as determinants in hiring. Willis met the department's criteria and decided he wanted to work in the math lab, preferring it to the computer science lab.

Mills said the math lab was started about 14 or 15 years ago on a smaller scale and then increased with the increase of

funds. The lab is funded by the math department and is overseen by Rogers Martin, math instructor. Martin says that the lab has the same kinds of problems that it has had for the past two to three years. One problem is that sometimes students can't understand the explanations of the tutors. Mills said, "That (ability to explain) will always be

a skill we're looking for and it's a hard skill to know in advance."

But Angelette Armstrong, freshman English education major, said she's never had a problem understanding tutors' explanations. "They show you many ways of doing the problem so it can be better understood," she said.

Coleen Boyce, physical therapy sophomore, said "I like their attitudes; they're eager to help. I'm amazed at their speed; they're very conscientious." Boyce's only problem with the lab, she said, is that, being a mother, she finds it hard to go to the lab in the mornings or from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Martin said these hours are arranged to fit the schedule of a majority of students.

Boyce found the lab "helpful" because as she said, "I've been out of math for 10 years so I have to chew at it a little bit."

According to Willis, the non-

traditional students are the ones he sees most in the lab. Willis said the non-trads generally use the lab to study rather than ask questions. "We encourage everyone to come in and work, even if they don't have a question," he said.

Because there are more students taking Algebra, Willis says that most of the questions are algebraic in nature. Willis divided the types of questions into three categories, "Either they don't know what's going on or they'll work a problem and get stuck in the middle, or they work the problem and get the wrong answer."

Armstrong has been bringing her questions to the lab for about two semesters. "A lot of people don't realize it's here," said Armstrong. That, she said, explains why attendance is minimal at times. "More people need to come to the math lab," she added.

an average of six hours of school work that I have to do at home."

Acting Chancellor Wilfred Guerin said it should be determined if accreditation does have its merit, or just a way to put schools "through the hoops."

"We already have a good program," Guerin said. "I can not see, at this stage, how accreditation will be very beneficial."

Cloud said, "Accreditation shows that you are achieving the minimal standards. It's like a merit badge in the Boy Scouts. I am not in opposition to accreditation, just the mandate."

Dr. Joseph Loftin, associate professor of communications said becoming accredited will not help a student get a job. However, accreditation may help them get scholarships.

"There are good things and negative things about accreditation," Loftin said. "We don't have any choice. We are going to go ahead and become accredited. I don't see any problems because there is nothing wrong with our program."

Cloud agreed. "We don't fear the process. I think we can become accredited."

Guerin said it is too early to decide about the communications department because of the pending desegregation case.

"LSUS' communications program is a good one and we want to keep it," Guerin said.

"Shreveport is the communication center for one of the most populated areas in the state," Cloud said. "It would be asinine not to have a strong mass communications department in the Ark-La-Tex."

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pertise is not in the field of mass communication, determined that all 10 journalism programs in Louisiana should be accredited," said Cloud. "The review team, whose expertise is well known, did not suggest or mandate accreditation."

Most LSUS' communications instructors think the board's actions are just a way to get rid of

lesser-qualified programs without actually having to take responsibility for the demise of some programs.

"Instead of saying weaker (journalism) programs should be eliminated, (the board) said all the programs should be accredited," said communications instructor Suzanne Bright, "Louisiana is going to end up looking ridiculous," she added.

Cloud said there is significant amount of cost and work in accrediting LSUS' mass communications program.

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACE-JMC) will not accredit a program with less-than-a-department status. The current communications department includes mass communications (journalism and public relations), speech/speech pathology and fine arts/music.

The formation of two new

departments will require hiring at least one part-time instructor to handle the teaching assignment reduction for new department chairmen. Phone supplies and operating expense would add to the cost. Cloud said all this could cost approximately \$35,000—money LSUS does not have.

Accreditation would also require that communications teachers be actively involved as practicing professionals to keep abreast of current trends and practices. Three of the five communication teachers already do work outside LSUS.

"I think it is important to do some work so I can keep current and learn from my experiences," said Linda Martin, communications instructor. "It enhances my effectiveness as a teacher."

Bright had other opinions. "To have to do work outside the school makes it seem like teaching is a part-time job. I have



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Randy should have seen the streamers

By Ken Kuriger
Sports Editor

It's been a glorious week in Shreveport for a Philadelphian.

Thanks to the luck of the draw, Louisiana Tech got to play LaSalle in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. For once, those of us from Southeastern Pennsylvania had the pleasure of reading about some of our heroes in detailed accounts. And while everyone wrote about the Bulldog-Explorer, Randy White-Lionel Simmons collision, the Big 5 fans of Caddo Parish sat back and relished the comparisons.

White and Simmons provided the main course. Both were lauded as dominating inside players, and the inspirational gurus of their respective teams. Their stats were spated with superlatives and they each received All-America attention. But when their backgrounds were excavated, the comparisons seemed to slow to a trickle.

White, 21, was an unknown quantity coming out of Shreveport's Huntington High. Despite averaging 22.5 points and 15 rebounds and garnering second-team all-state honors as a senior, many recruiters questioned his on-court work habits.

Tech Coach Tommy Joe Eagles didn't doubt White though, and four years later, he's an elated coach. Eagles has said that, if Karl Malone worked as hard at Tech as White has, the Mailman would be a much better player.

As for Simmons, there was never any question. Coming out of Southern High in Philadelphia, his stardom seemed inevitable. He was named Public League player of the year in 1986 and led his team to the city title. Playing on the same team with former Temple star Nate Blackwell and current Pitt standout Brian Shorter helped Simmons showcase his talent.

He was recruited nationwide but chose to stay home and experience Big 5 basketball, the sultry, streamer-ridden Palestra and the inner-city battles with Villanova, St. Joe's, Temple and Penn.

Now, Simmons is mentioned in the same breath as the greats of Big 5 lore: Tom Gola, Guy Rodgers, Hal Lear, Tony Price, Maurice Martin, Ed Pinckney...the list goes on. It's almost a shame yesterday's game wasn't played at the Palestra. Then White and his teammates would have felt the eerie historical potion that wafts out onto 34th Street.

Yes, the past is very different for these two players, just like their hometowns. However, their futures, in all likelihood, will be similar.

IM ACTIVITIES CALENDAR SPRING SEMESTER '89

Date	Activity/Event	Time	Location
March			
3	Officials Meeting	12:05pm	Red River
7	Softball Entries Due (MWC)	5:00pm	UC 226
8	Softball Team Captains Meeting	12:05pm	Caddo/Bossier
	Softball Officials Development	3 - 5pm	HPE 223
9	Softball Officials Development	3 - 5pm	HPE 223
10	Officials Meeting	12:05pm	Red River
11	Softball Pre-Season Tourney	9:00am	Sports Field
	Homerun Derby	10:00am	Sports Field
13	Softball Begins	3:30pm	Sports Field
17	Officials Meeting	12:05pm	Red River
April			
3	Officials Meeting	12:05pm	Red River
6	SPRING FLING EVENTS		UC Mall
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7	Officials Meeting	12:05pm	Red River
8	Golf Tournament (MW)	2:30pm	Querbes
14	Officials Meeting	12:05pm	Red River
15	Triathlon (M W T C CT)	9:00pm	HPE pool
21	Officials Meeting	12:05pm	Red River
22	Softball Tournament	9:00am	Sports Field
24	Officials Meeting	12:05pm	Red River
25	State Tournament		
	Participants Meeting	10:30am	Caddo/Bossier
28-30	State Tournament		LSUS/Cargill

Jam Crew wins tournament

John Carmedy hit a 3-point shot off an inbounds pass with two seconds left to give the Jam Crew a 48-47 victory over Withourselves and the Intramurals Championship.

Carmedy's 15 points led the Crew, 6-5, and helped offset a 30-point explosion by Steve Hurn of Withourselves. Withourselves finished the season 8-3.



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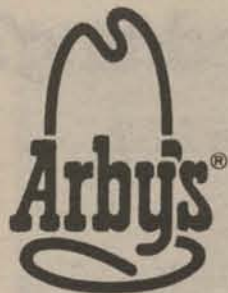
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degree, the students will have the same basic general level of education.

"We know that we're asking our students to do something others (universities) aren't," Bridger said, adding, "But, they're supposed to be."

Explaining this, Bridger said that the Louisiana Board of Regents mandated that the university measure student proficiency in courses already taken.

Though the Board of Regents, and not the LSUS administration, is requiring that the exam be taken, students are upset with the university.

"I feel frustrated..." said Susan Molnar, public relations junior. "...What keeps LSUS from throwing more of these exams at me and threatening me with no degree if I do not pass these tests?"

Unlike Molnar, Jennifer Manco, sophomore business major, does not "think it's any

big deal," she said, adding, "I think people are upset more because it's trouble to go because it's inconvenient and not because they're afraid they won't pass it."

Bridger said that though the test results won't require a student to retake classes, students must pass the exam before they can graduate from LSUS. And, there will be "no indication on (any official) record of the number of times a student takes it (the exam)," Bridger said. But, what will show on record is that a student has passed both the math and English proficiency requirements, she said.

Also, Bridger said that students who must take the exam should be able to pass it because it is designed for sophomore level students.

However, Molnar said she is primarily upset because she has already taken a math proficiency exam and passed it. "I would agree to take the English exam if that was the end of it..." she said. "...I have to miss

classes that I have already paid for...in order to take an exam to prove what I have already learned."

Molnar is not alone in her concern about the necessity and convenience of the exam.

Bridger and the secretaries in the Office of Academic Affairs, said they have had many calls from students. Bridger also said she has had complaints from students who have already taken and passed a math proficiency exam which LSUS urges students to take upon completion of Math 121.

Though Bridger said there is no way to separate the math from the rest of the exam, students who have already passed a math proficiency exam at LSUS have "no need to be concerned," because it is already posted on their transcripts, she said.

Also, Bridger said the scores will be looked at by the Board of Regents and that the exam "puts LSUS' programs at more of a risk than it does the students who take the exam."



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Smith said that when talking to non-white students, he found that many of them perceive the faculty to be biased toward them.

Another area where they would like to see spending increased is LSUS' graduate programs.

"A strong graduate program," said Alexander, "would go a long way to making LSUS viable in the community."

Alexander says that LSUS is not presented well enough to the

community, and that part of the blame lies on the SGA. His concerns for LSUS' future are "two things mainly — that LSUS become a more unified campus, and that LSUS becomes a more viable institution in the community so that people don't leave it after one year."

Alexander and Smith have spent about \$75 on their campaign so far, all out-of-pocket, they said. They said they probably won't take any contributions, and definitely no GOP

funds, but would report it if they did.

Their most important goal is to see LSUS students become involved, they said. Their campaign so far has been a grassroots effort, and they feel, based on vocal support, that they stand a good chance of winning.



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Adloo's introduction to America was an auspicious one but he does not believe in giving up in athletics or in life.

"I came to this country with \$3,200 and someone stole it from me," he said, continuing, "I knew how to say yes in English and I knew how to say no in English. That is all. Now, look at me."

Abdi Adloo is no stranger to soccer and coaching. He was a member of a World Cup Team and a member of the Iranian National Team in the 1972 Olympics. He has coached in Shreveport since 1979.

Also, Adloo has a patient attitude about the slow, steady growth of soccer in this area.

"We are in a part of the country where soccer is not yet very strong. It is still in the womb, still growing," he said, adding, "All over the world they play soccer. This game belongs to all of the world and we are part of the world. We should be part of the sport, too."

Adloo is more than ready to "help the boys at LSUS improve their skills."

"I want to see the students enjoying what they are doing and I can help them accomplish more. Hopefully, they will pass soccer down to their children or their community. Wherever they go in the future, they can pass the game to the next generation," he said.

The LSUS Soccer Club will be more than happy to oblige Abdi in return for his guidance and expertise. For now, the club will have to sustain itself on the basics while casting a hopeful eye on the future.

The Roman Poet Ovid once said, "Have patience and endure." Translation: When all you have is a TV dinner; eat it and wait for the steak and lobster — that day will come.